

REMARKS/DISCUSSION OF ISSUES


Claims 1-9 are pending in the application. Claims 1-5 are rejected.

In the Advisory Action dated December 5, 2003, the Examiner indicated that the rejection of claims 6-9 had been overcome due to the use of the terminology 'composed of' neodymium, which indicates neodymium in its elemental form, which Rajaram does not call for. However, the rejection of claims 1-5 was not overcome because of the use of the term 'comprises' neodymium.

Claim 1 is currently amended to replace the term 'comprises' with 'composed of' neodymium. Accordingly, it is urged that the rejection of claims 1-5 has also been overcome, and that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of record, allow all of the pending claims, and find the application to be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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